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THE HEDGEHOG

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MECHA
SONIC



**SONIC CD
ADAPTATION!**



"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

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"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 1

WILL YOU
PLEASE HOLD
STILL? THIS IS A
VERY DELICATE
PROCEDURE!

TWO
WORDS, ROTOR...
BORE-RING!

IT'S
STARTING
TO COME
IN...

AHHH...



OH... WHEN DID WE GET ZE SCI-FI CHANNEL?

HUSH, ANTOINE... BACK OFF THE LENS A BIT, ROTOR!

LENS?... HOLY FRIJOLES, IT'S A CAMERA?

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HEIGHT: 1564
WIDTH: 74125

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6211
38847
5643

YES INDEED... THE FIBER OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNTED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOOL, BIG GUY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?

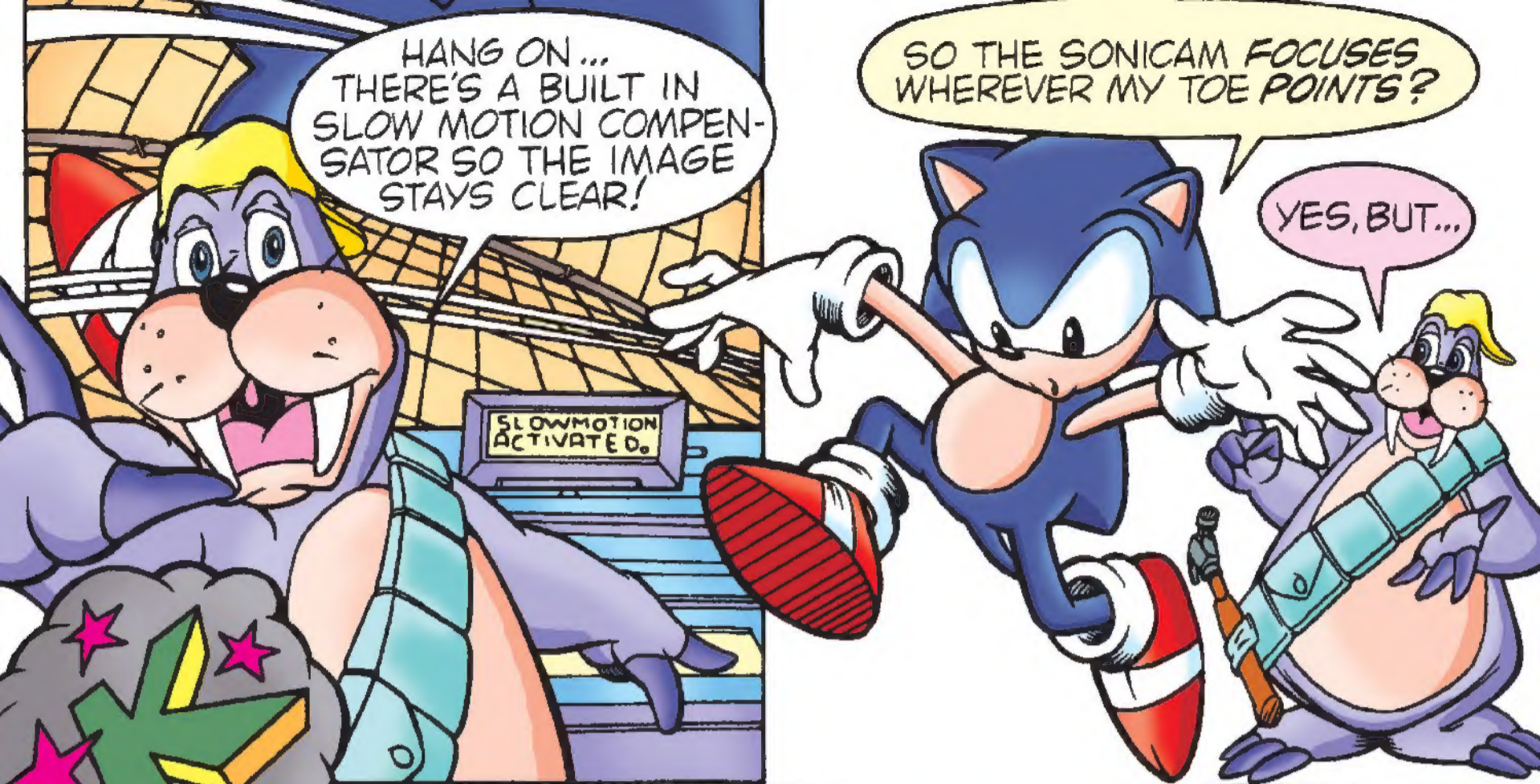
GREAT!

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MOTION SCAN:
INITIATED

LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS WHEN I ACCELERATE!

OOOOLP!
OOH! IT IS GIVING ME ZE MOTION SICKNESS!

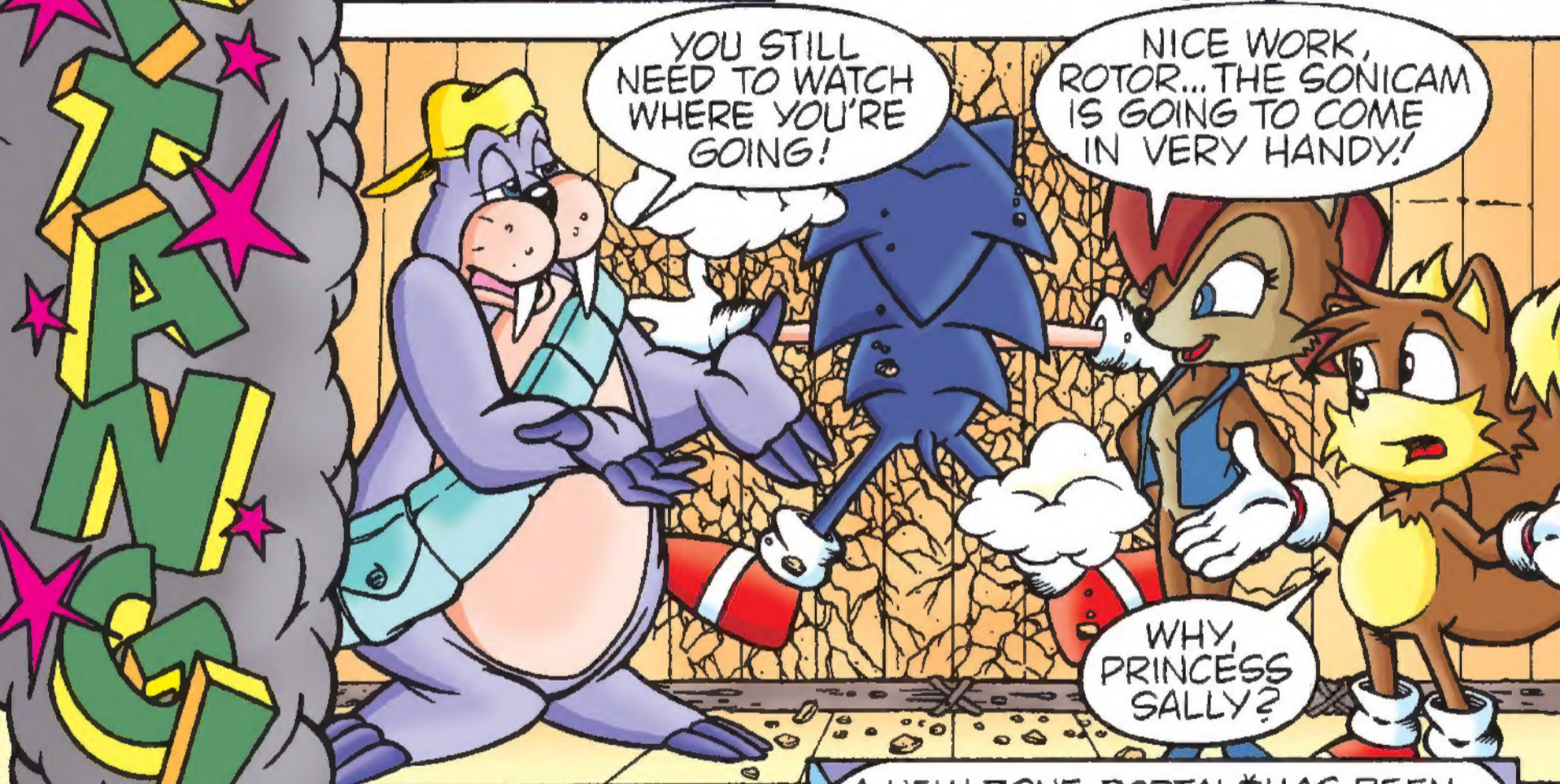


HANG ON...
THERE'S A BUILT IN
SLOW MOTION COMPEN-
SATOR SO THE IMAGE
STAYS CLEAR!

SO THE SONICAM FOCUSES
WHEREVER MY TOE POINTS?

YES, BUT...

K
A
N
G!



YOU STILL
NEED TO WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING!

NICE WORK,
ROTOR... THE SONICAM
IS GOING TO COME
IN VERY HANDY!

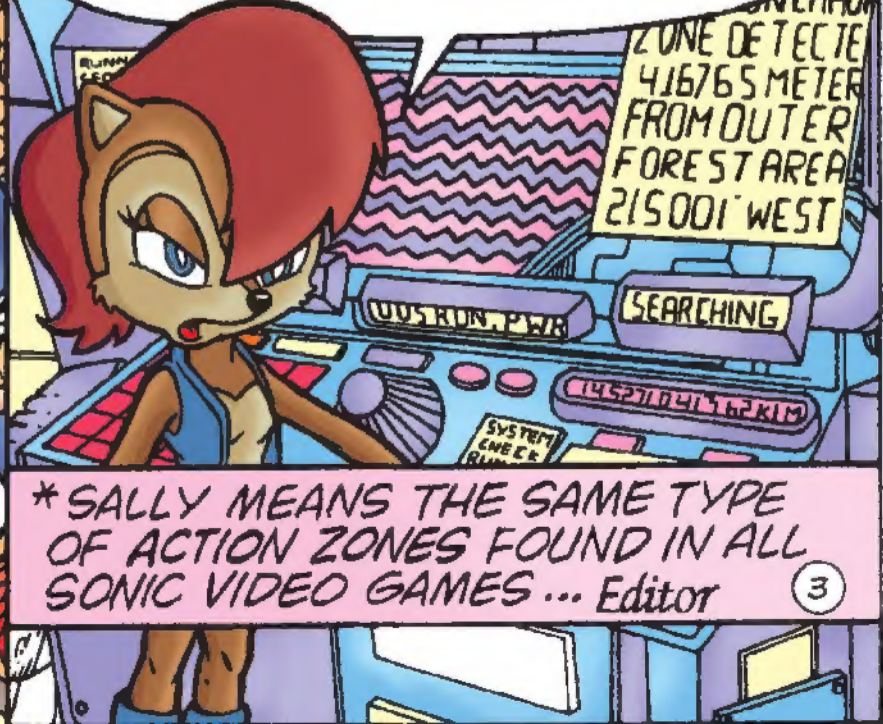
WHY,
PRINCESS
SALLY?

BECAUSE ALL
US FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HERE IN THE SECRET
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE
ARE IN GRAVE DANGER!

A NEW ZONE PORTAL* HAS BEEN
DISCOVERED RECENTLY... IT COULD
BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE AND MUST
BE EXPLORED! IT'S CALLED...




HUH?



SONICAM
ZONE DETECTED
416765 METER
FROM OUTER
FOREST AREA
215001 WEST

*SALLY MEANS THE SAME TYPE
OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL
SONIC VIDEO GAMES ... Editor



THE COLLISION
CHAOS ZONE! PERHAPS
MY MOST BRILLIANT
CREATION TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK,
HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR...PAY
NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN
BEHIND THE CURTAIN!

... BUT JUST IN
CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE
HIM BY MAKING USE OF
THESE STOLEN SONIC-
GRAM FAN LETTERS!

To:
**Archie
COMICS**

**U.S.
POST**

WHOA! TAMPERING
WITH THE MAIL IS
A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

CHORTLE-SNICKER-CACKLE!
YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT...
I ALLOWED THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER
THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH OVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T
ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING
HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...

HA! THAT'S
WHAT MAKES ME A
SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE
CUTTING EDGE!

Rlllpp

"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO-AMY ROSE..."BAH!

AWW...A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS... **HIM!**

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

GASP! U-YOU WOULDN'T...

AFFIRMATIVE

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!

MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!



WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!



WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?

NO AND **YES**, DISRESPECTIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE?!..

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!

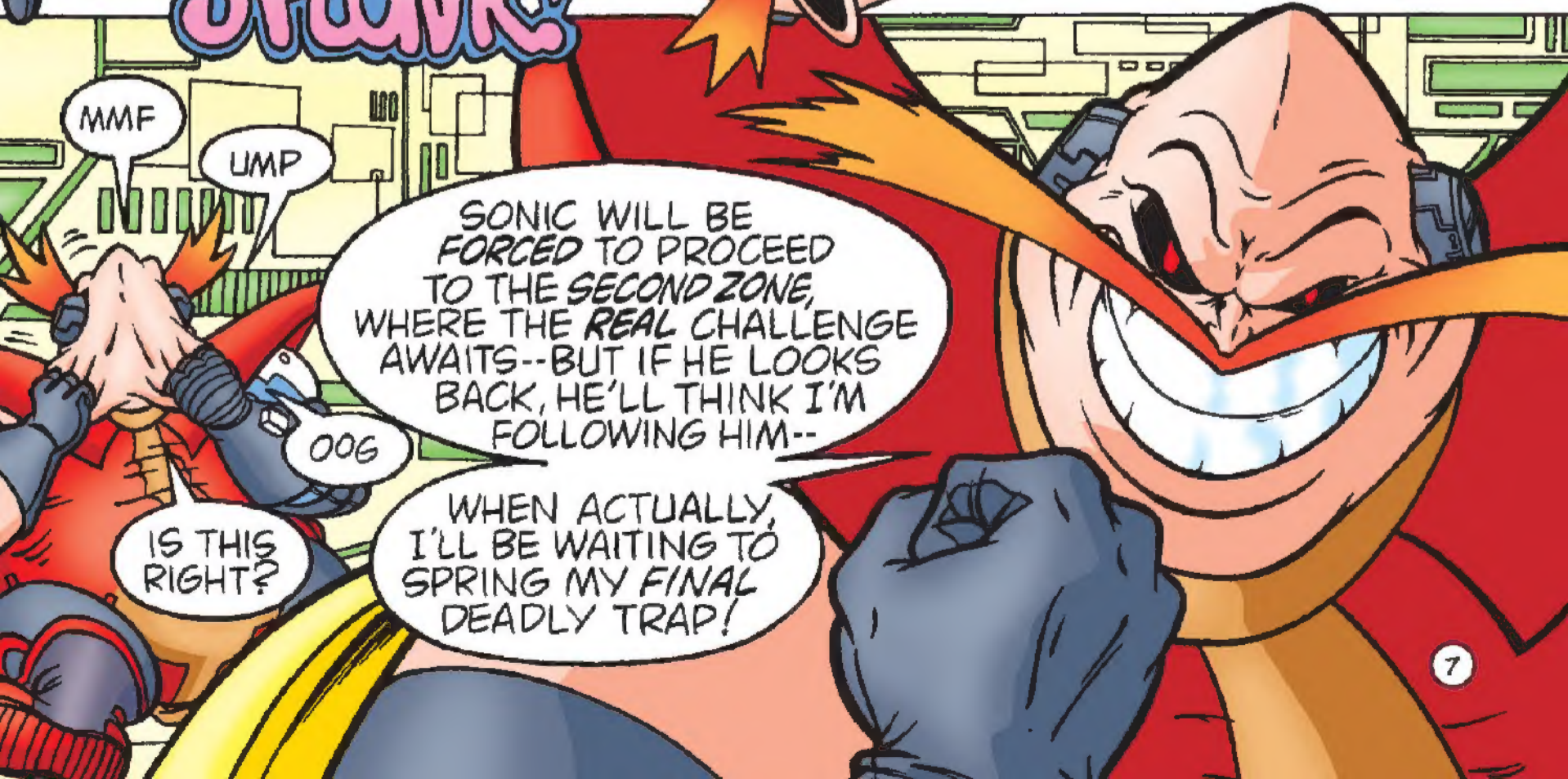


YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOG-- SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU ^{snort} OILY SONOFA ^{woof}





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF
ORDER!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 2

YES...
LET'S HOLD A
PROPER MEETING
HERE!

ANTOINE

SALLY

THERE'S NO TIME FOR
THIS RED TAPE! AMY
ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST
PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS
HELP FAST!

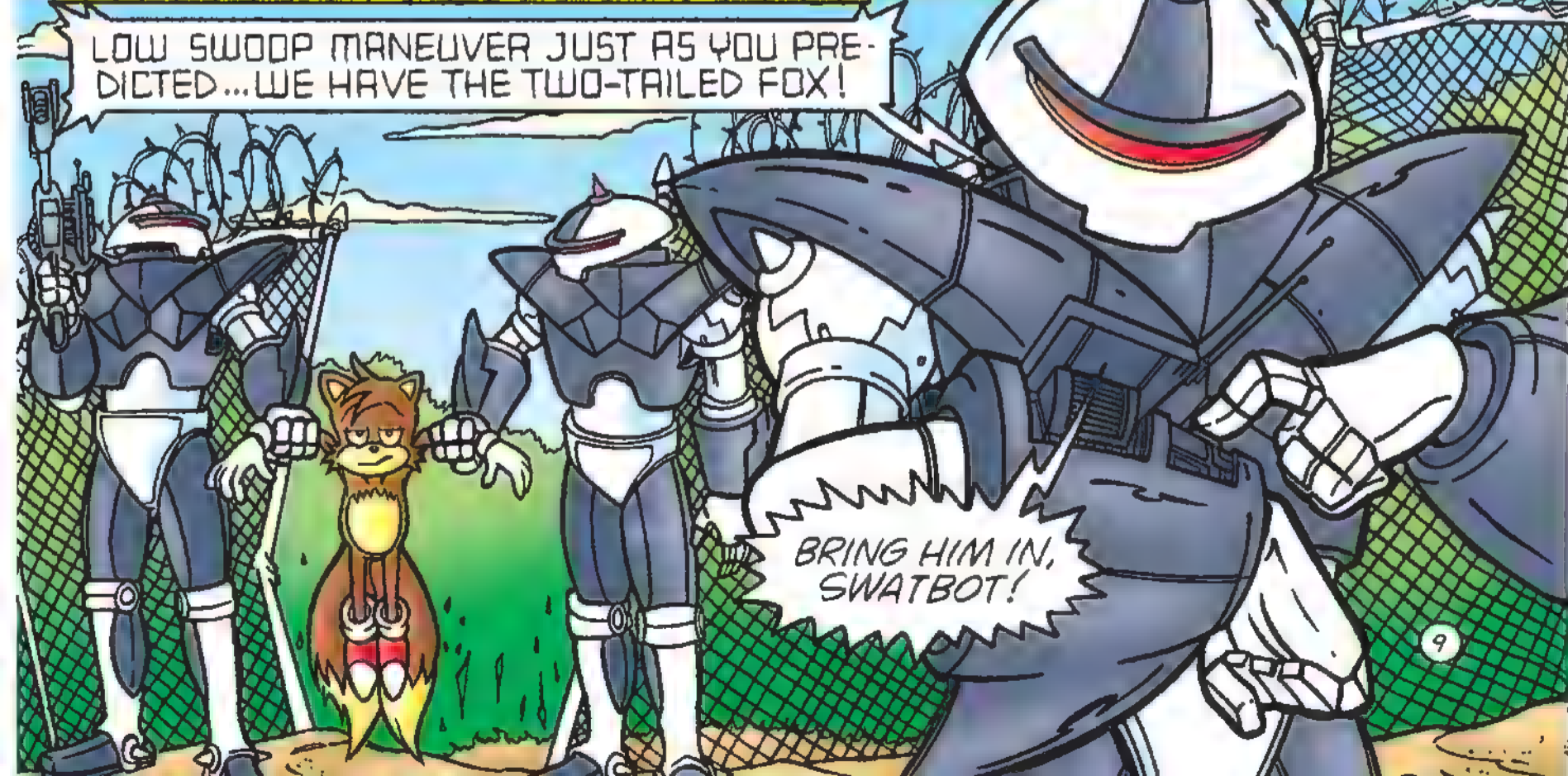
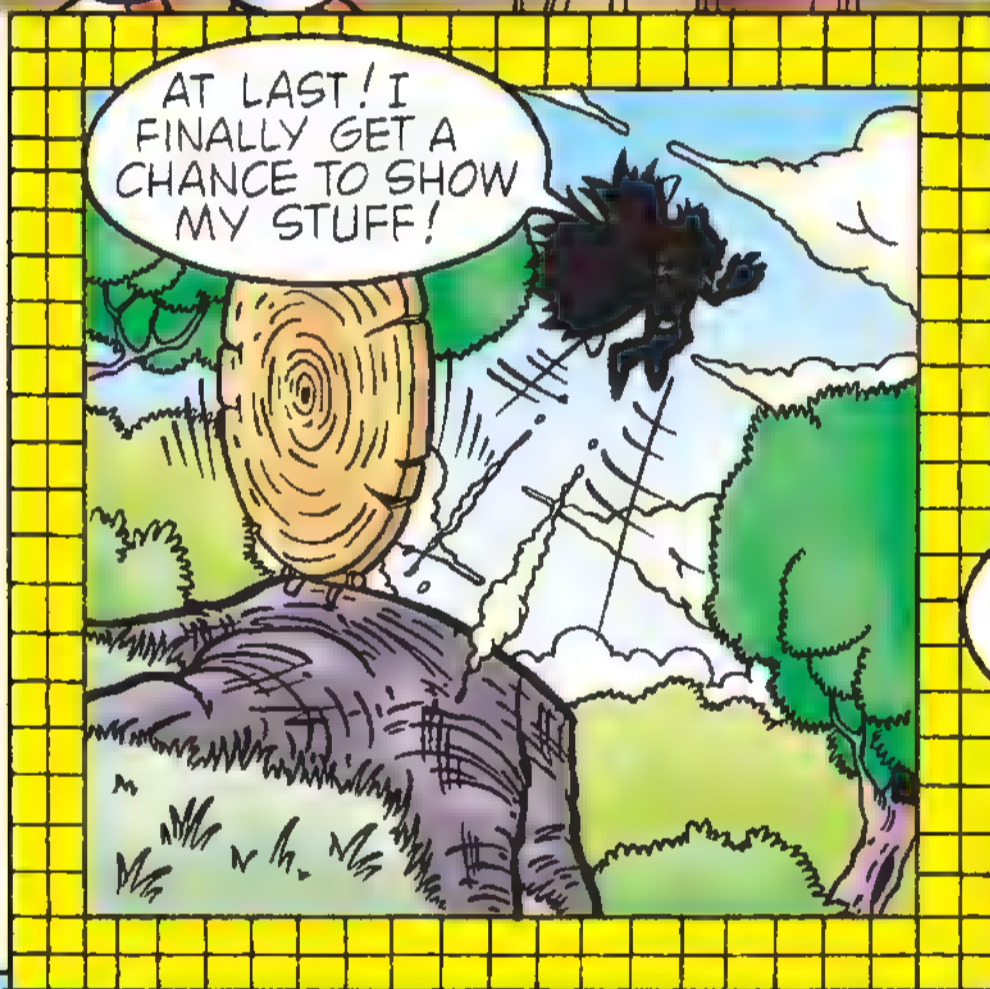
SONIC! WE INTEND TO
RESCUE HER...WE'RE JUST
NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO
UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE
WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY...
DANGER IS MY
MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

BESIDES, WE
HAVE OUR VERY OWN
TRAINED SPY WHO WILL
SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION
FROM THE AIR...RIGHT,
TAILS?!

M-M-ME?



SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL IS RIGHT HERE...OH, YEAH!

WROOAAAANNN!

LISTEN UP, BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE AND THEN PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT!

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!

I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM FOR YOUR AGENDA, PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL SEE THAT I BEAN MUSINESS...ERR...MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT, CAMERA TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE THAT I MEAN BUSINESS

CAMERA ONE GET ME A TWO SHOT OF THE HOSTAGES...STANDBY...

DOING!

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED FRIEND, TAILS! NEED ANY MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

BRING IT ON, 10-W 40 BREATH!



ALL RIGHT!
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE CUTTIN'
LOOSE!

AT THAT
MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO
DOOFY DUPLICATE...COME
IN, DUPLICATE...SIGH: THAT'S
YOU, SNIVELY, YOU
IMBECILE!!!

BOH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION
BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

THE SONICAM'S
FUNCTIONING
BEAUTIFULLY!

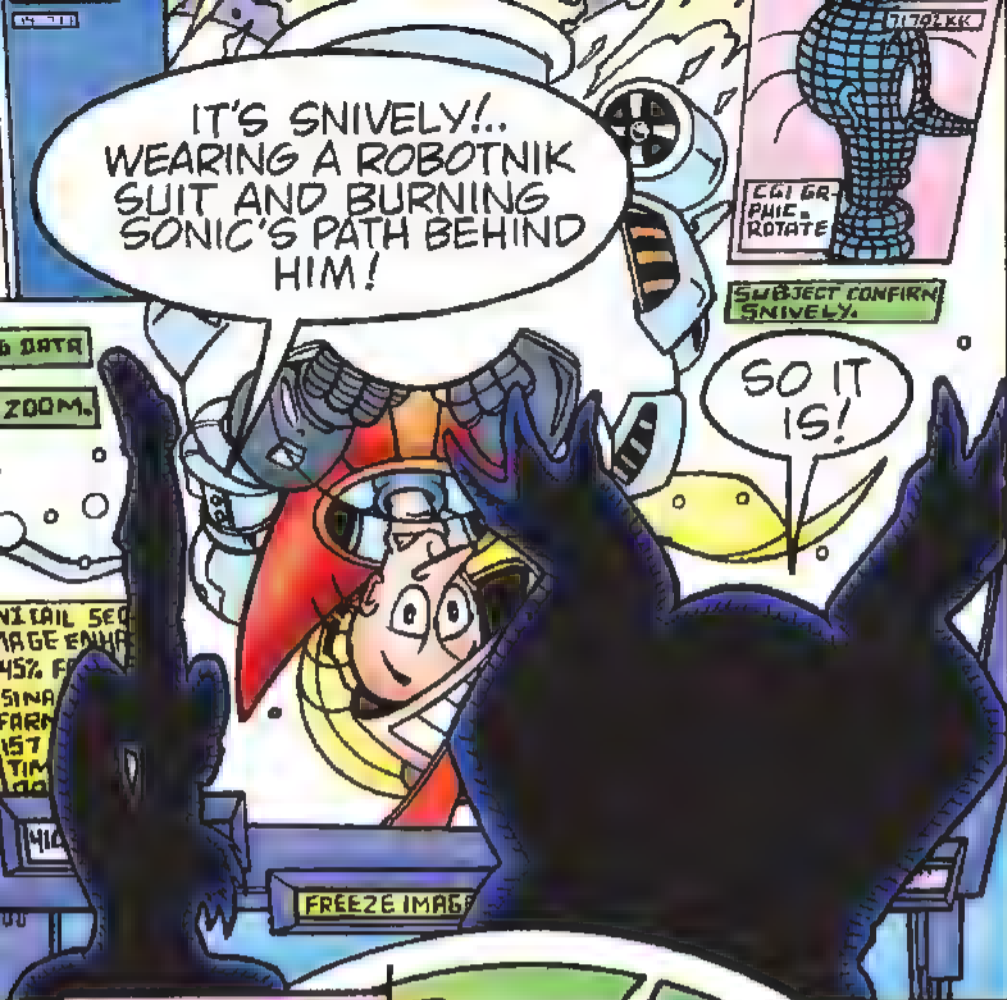
YES, BUT
WHAT'S THAT
BEHIND
SONIC?

WHERE?

THERE! YOU
SEE IT BEST
WHEN HIS LEG
EXTENDS... I'LL
FREEZE AND
ENHANCE THE
IMAGE!

I STILL DON'T
GET IT!

LOOK AT
IT UPSIDE
DOWN...
AHA!



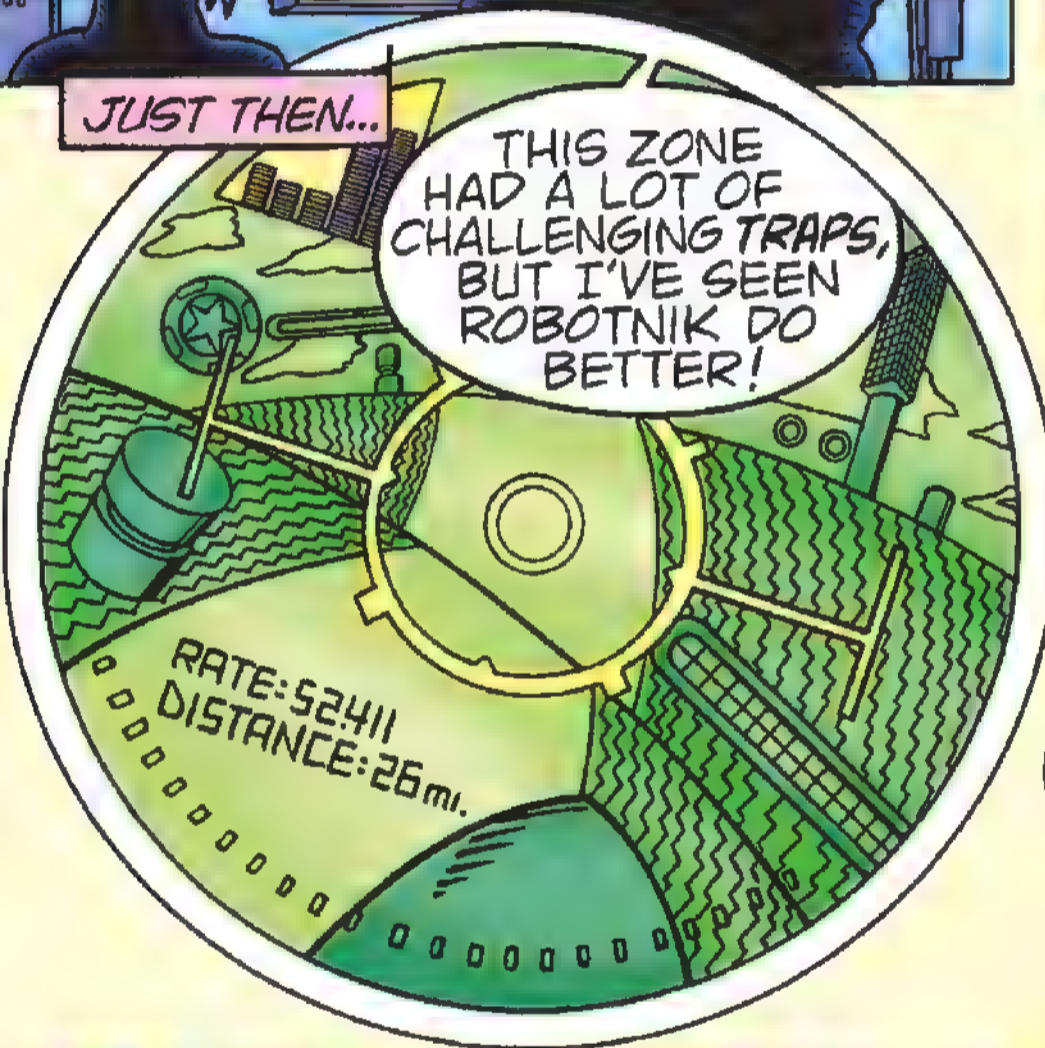
IT'S SNIVELY!.. WEARING A ROBOTNIK SUIT AND BURNING SONIC'S PATH BEHIND HIM!

EGT GR PHIC ROTATE
SUBJECT CONFIRM SNIVELY.

SO IT IS!

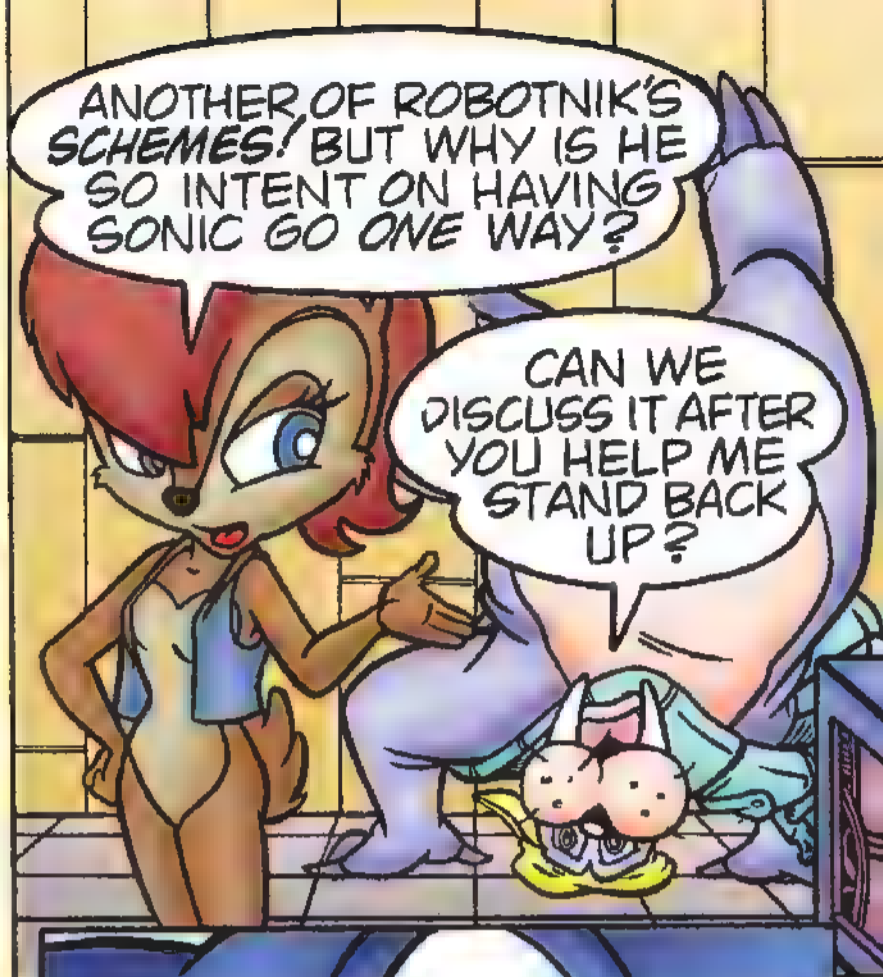
FREEZE IMAGE

JUST THEN...



THIS ZONE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGING TRAPS, BUT I'VE SEEN ROBOTNIK DO BETTER!

RATE: 52.411
DISTANCE: 26 mi.



ANOTHER OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEMES! BUT WHY IS HE SO INTENT ON HAVING SONIC GO ONE WAY?

CAN WE DISCUSS IT AFTER YOU HELP ME STAND BACK UP?



I WONDER WHAT TUBBY IS REALLY UP TO...



WELL, I'LL SOON FIND OUT... I'M BLOWIN' THIS POP STAND!



WELL, I'LL BE--LOOK WHO IT IS...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT

MECHA-SONIC!™

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 3


I HOPE YOU'RE
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY
DUST... *STARDUST* THAT
IS...AS I HEAD THROUGH
THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY*
ZONE! YOUR TWO LITTLE
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR
ME AT THE *FINISH LINE*!

I WONDER IF IT
WOULD BE FASTER TO
DOUBLE BACK AND...*WHOO!*
BAG THAT IDEA--HERE
COMES JELLYBELLY!

SONIC!

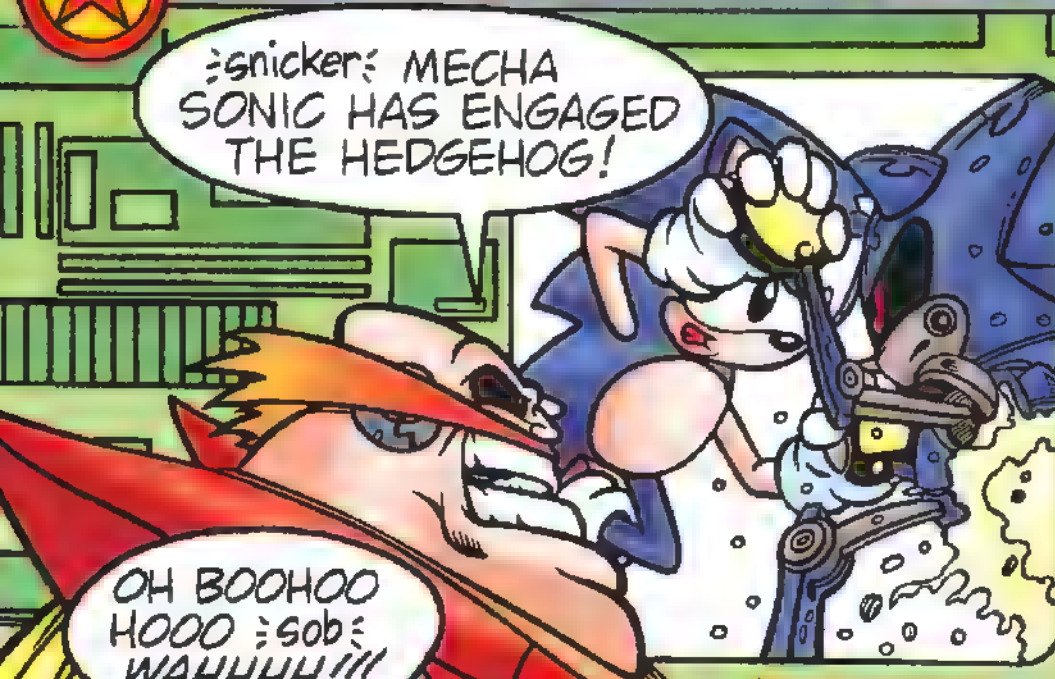
HELP!




THAT MAKES
AN EASY DECISION
EVEN EASIER! COMIN'
AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!




SNORT!



≡snicker≡ MECHA
SONIC HAS ENGAGED
THE HEDGEHOG!




OH BOOHOO
HOOO ≡sob≡
WAHHHH!!!



≡sniffle≡ I WAS
HOPING SOMEDAY
SONIC WOULD GET
ENGAGED TO ME!




BACK IN
KNOTHOLE:



IT SEEMS THAT SONIC
HAS ENTERED ANOTHER
ZONE...ITS ENERGY FIELD
IS INTERFERING WITH
HIS SONICAM!

TRY AND GET
A FIX ON HIS LAST
LOCATION -- IT'S
TIME FOR ACTION!



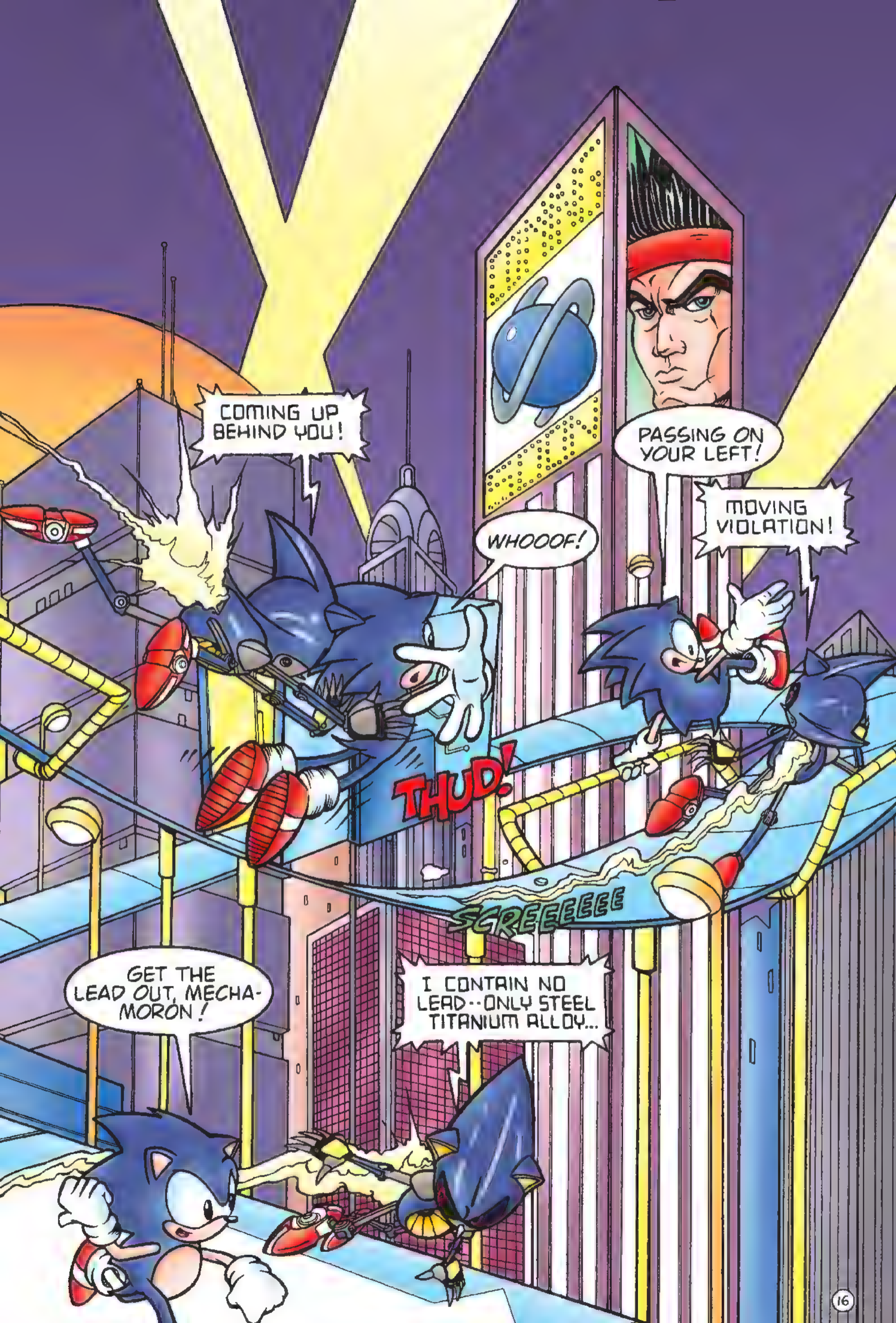
WHAT'S
WRONG, AMY
ROSE?

**AND IN THE STARDUST
SPEEDWAY ZONE . . .**

HOPE YOU DON'T
MIND IF I GET A
JUMP ON YOU,
METALHEAD!

BWOING!

SORRY...THIS
IS A ONE-LANE
EXIT RAMP...



COMING UP
BEHIND YOU!

PASSING ON
YOUR LEFT!

MOVING
VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE
LEAD OUT, MECHA-
MORON!

I CONTAIN NO
LEAD...ONLY STEEL
TITANIUM ALLOY...

AT THAT MOMENT, UP
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN
PERFECT ORDER, OH
KING CHOLESTEROL!
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE
THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE
EXPLANATION AND
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING
ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

IT'S PERFECT!
IT SPELLS:
"FINISH"!

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S \geq CHORTLE \leq SLICKER THAN
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS
FINAL ARCHWAY...

THAT WAY,
EVEN IF SONIC
WINS...

HE
LOSES!

...AND BE
SMUSHED!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST
BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 4

NO WAY, SAN
JOSE! NOTHING WILL
SLOW ME DOWN!

OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-
SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALK-
ING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM--
AND THE *REAL* ME WAS
WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UMF! THAT
MIGHT
DO IT!

TRIP!

UP ABOVE:

WE'RE OVER THE
FAR END OF THE
NEW ZONE, SALLY!

OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE
SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S
UNMISTAKABLE
LARGE BODY--

I'M
GOING
IN!

YOU'VE
GOT YOUR
ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK,
PRINCESS!

FLUME!

THAT SAL IS
SOME GAL... NO
WONDER SONIC'S SO
CRAZY ABOUT HER!

SPEAKING OF MY
LITTLE BLUE BUDDY,
I WONDER WHAT HE'S
DOING NOW...

HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG-- HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP!
I'VE BEEN WORKING
ON THIS NEW MOVE
FOR A WHILE...

THE FIGURE
EIGHT SUPER
PEEL-OUT!

ONCE I DO
IT, I MOVE AT
WARP SPEED!

I SHALL
PURSUE!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT
GENERATED BY SPEED
AND FRICTION IS MELT-
ING MY METAL LEGS!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A
LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!
BZZT! MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND--
SQUEE! MAXIMUM!

WHEEEEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T
TASTE THE CHILI DOGS,
STAY OUT OF THE
KITCHEN!



SURRENDER,
SNIVELY!

OKAY,
OKAY!

UMF! OH NO!
SONIC WENT THROUGH
THE ARCH--I MISSED
MY CHANCE!

GET AWAY
FROM THAT BUTTON,
ROBOTNIK!

MY
HERO!

OUR
HERO!

YES! THE
CROWD GOES
WILD!



BAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! MY PLAN WAS SO FOOLPROOF...
≡WHINE≡

WHAT? THAT DEVICE HOUSED IN THE ARCH? I SAW IT COMING A MILE AWAY!

QUIT YOUR BELLYACHING... I'LL STAND UNDER IT IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...

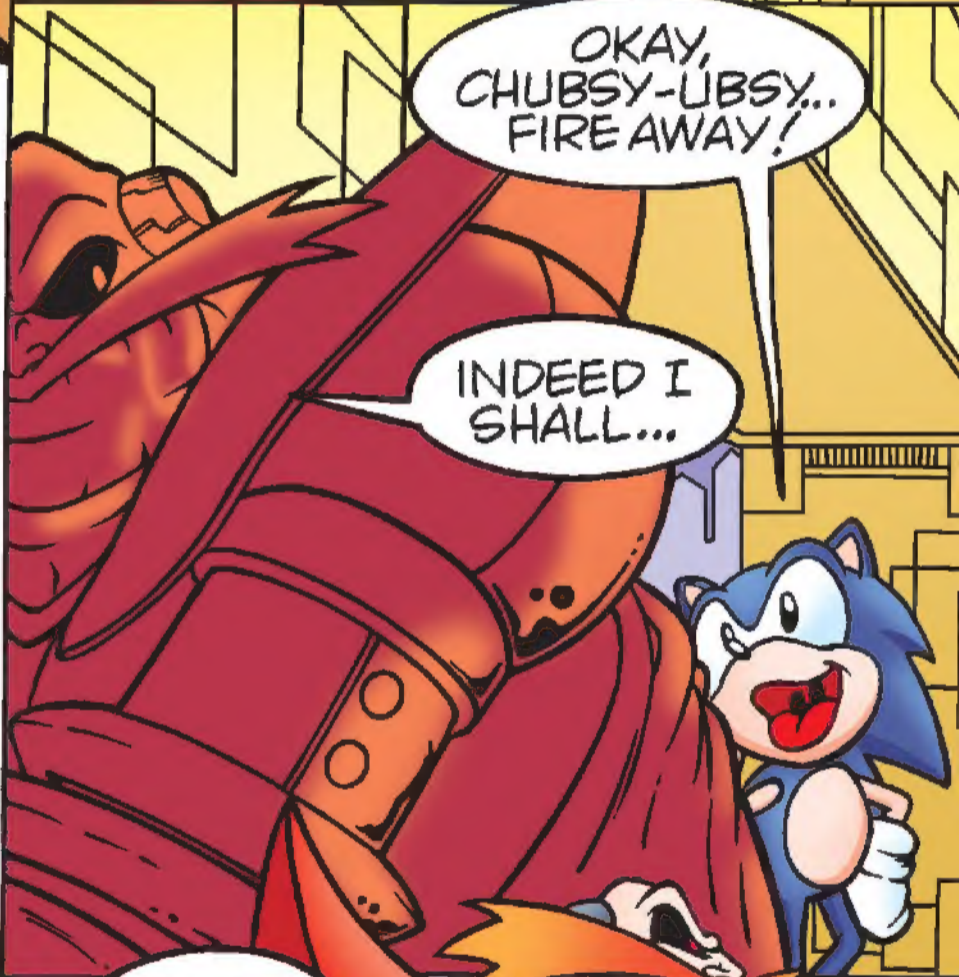


Y-YOU WUH-WILL?..

MISSED ME! NYUK! NYUK!



NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



OKAY, CHUBSY-LUBSY... FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I SHALL...

GAME, SET AND MATCH!



BUT I PERSONALLY DESIGNED THIS DEVICE! WHAT WENT WRONG?

